

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for producing self-supporting container parts, such as dishes or covers, for containers for foodstuffs to be treated in a microwave oven, said containers each comprising at least one compartment for receiving the foodstuffs, along at least part of the circumferential surface of which compartment a microwave-radiation influencing material layer is provided in the wall of at least one associated container part, comprising the steps of

providing a multilayer foil comprising

said microwave radiation-influencing material layer provided with at least one hole, and

at least one material layer that does not influence microwave radiation, which is bonded thereto on at least one side of the microwave radiation-influencing material layer,

bonding one side of the multilayer foil to a remaining portion of the container part in question, in such a manner that the material layer of the multilayer foil that does not influence microwave radiation is present on a free surface of the container part, by positioning the multilayer foil inside a mould during the forming of a container part in said mould for the purpose of bonding the microwave-influencing material layer to the remaining portion of the container part during said forming of the container part.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, comprising the step of bonding the multilayer foil to the remaining portion of the container part in such a manner that the

material layer of the multilayer foil that does not influence microwave radiation is present on the outer side of the container part.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, comprising the step of forming the container parts by injection-moulding the container parts in an injection mould.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, comprising the step of forming the container parts by thermoforming the container parts in a thermoforming mould.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~claim 8~~ claim 1, wherein said at least one hole includes a plurality of holes ~~are~~ provided in different patterns for different compartments.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~claim 8~~ claim 1, wherein said at least one hole includes a plurality of holes ~~are~~ provided in different sizes for different compartments.

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~claim 8~~ claim 1, wherein the material layer that does not influence microwave radiation is a closed layer.

12. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 8, wherein said multilayer foil is provided with through holes.

13. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~claim 8~~ claim 1, wherein the at least one hole ~~holes~~ in the microwave radiation-influencing material layer is ~~are~~ formed in the same production line as the one in which the multilayer foil is bonded to the remaining portion of the container part in question.

14. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the multilayer foil comprises cut-out corner portions.

15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the multilayer foil is provided in a condition in which a material layer that does not influence microwave radiation is present on either side of the microwave radiation-influencing material layer.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein one of the two material layers that do not influence microwave radiation is detached from the multilayer foil before the multilayer foil is bonded to the remaining portion of the container part.

17. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the material layer(s) that do(es) not influence microwave radiation is/are made of the same material as the remaining portion of the container part.

18. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the upper side of a compartment of a container, after being filled with a foodstuff, is covered with a further multilayer foil comprising a further microwave radiation-influencing material layer and at least one material layer that does not influence microwave radiation, which is bonded thereto on one side of said further microwave radiation-influencing material layer, in such a manner that said further microwave radiation-influencing material layer of said further multilayer foil is present on the side remote from the interior of the filled compartment of said further material layer that does not influence microwave radiation.

19. (Original) A method according to claim 18, wherein said further multilayer foil is directly bonded to an upper circumferential edge of the filled compartment.

20. (Original) A method according to claim 18, wherein said further multilayer foil is glued onto a separate sealing foil, which is directly bonded to an upper circumferential edge of the filled compartment.

21. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the multilayer foil is electrostatically chargeable.

22. (Withdrawn) A container part produced in accordance with claim 1.

23. (Withdrawn) A container part according to claim 22, provided with connecting means for being interconnected with other container parts.

24. (Withdrawn) A container part according to claim 22, characterized in that the microwave radiation-influencing material layer comprises aluminium.

25. (Withdrawn) A container part according to claim 22, characterized in that the at least one material layer that does not influence microwave radiation comprises polypropylene.

26. (Withdrawn) A container part according to claim 22, characterized in that the at least one material layer that does not influence microwave radiation comprises paper.

27. (Withdrawn) A container part according to claim 22, characterized in that the microwave radiation-influencing material layer has a thickness of maximally 50 µm more preferably maximally 30 µm.

28. (Withdrawn) A container part according to claim 22, characterized in that the multilayer foil has a thickness of maximally 200 µm more preferably maximally 100 µm.

29. (Withdrawn) A container part according to claim 22, characterized in that legs are provided, via which the container part can rest on a supporting surface.

30. (Withdrawn) A container part according to claim 22, characterized in that means for connecting the container part to an associated other container part are provided along the circumferential edge of at least two compartments.

31. (Withdrawn) A method for producing a multilayer foil provided with through holes for use in a method according to claim 12, comprising the steps of providing a closed multilayer foil comprising a microwave radiation-influencing material layer and at least one material layer that does not influence microwave radiation, which is bonded thereto on at least one side of the microwave radiation-influencing material layer,

die-cutting the through holes in the multilayer foil.

32. (Withdrawn) A method for producing a multilayer foil provided with through holes for use in a method according to claim 12, comprising the steps of providing a closed multilayer foil comprising a microwave radiation-influencing material layer and at least one material layer that does not influence microwave radiation, which is bonded thereto on at least one side of the microwave radiation-influencing material layer, cutting the through holes in the multilayer foil by means of a laser beam.

33. (Withdrawn) A method for producing a multilayer foil according to claim 31, comprising the steps of after the making of the through holes in the multilayer foil, glueing a closed material layer that does not influence microwave radiation onto one side of the multilayer foil.

34. (Withdrawn) A method for producing a multilayer foil according to claim 33, comprising the steps of after the making of the through holes in the multilayer foil, glueing a closed material layer that does not influence microwave radiation onto both sides of the multilayer foil.

35. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 34, wherein one of the closed material layers that do not influence microwave radiation is glued with a glue type that allows subsequent breaking of the glued joint so as to make it possible to separate the respective closed material layer that does not influence microwave radiation from the remaining portion of the multilayer foil at a later stage.

36. (Withdrawn) A multilayer foil produced in accordance with claim 31.

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Cancelled)

39. (New) A method for producing self-supporting container parts, such as dishes or covers, for containers for foodstuffs to be treated in a microwave oven, said containers each comprising at least one compartment for receiving the foodstuffs, along at least part of the circumferential surface of which compartment a microwave-radiation influencing material layer is provided in the wall of at least one associated container part, comprising the steps of

providing a multilayer foil comprising said microwave radiation-influencing material layer and at least one material layer that does not influence microwave radiation, which is bonded thereto on at least one side of the microwave radiation-influencing material layer, wherein the multilayer foil is provided in a condition in which a material layer that does not influence microwave

radiation is present on either side of the microwave radiation-influencing material layer,

bonding one side of the multilayer foil to a remaining portion of the container part in question, in such a manner that the material layer of the multilayer foil that does not influence microwave radiation is present on a free surface of the container part, by positioning the multilayer foil inside a mould during the forming of a container part in said mould for the purpose of bonding the microwave-influencing material layer to the remaining portion of the container part during said forming of the container part,

wherein one of the two material layers that do not influence microwave radiation is detached from the multilayer foil before the multilayer foil is bonded to the remaining portion of the container part.

40. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein said multilayer foil substantially conforms to the shape of the mould prior to positioning said foil inside the mould.

41. (New) A method for producing self-supporting container parts, such as dishes or covers, for containers for foodstuffs to be treated in a microwave oven, said containers each comprising at least one compartment for receiving the foodstuffs, along at least part of the circumferential surface of which compartment a microwave-radiation influencing material layer is provided in the wall of at least one associated container part, comprising the steps of

providing a multilayer foil comprising

said microwave radiation-influencing material layer, and
at least one material layer that does not influence microwave radiation,
which is bonded thereto on at least one side of the microwave
radiation-influencing material layer,
wherein the multilayer foil is electrostatically chargeable,
bonding one side of the multilayer foil to a remaining portion of the container part in
question, in such a manner that the material layer of the multilayer foil that
does not influence microwave radiation is present on a free surface of the
container part, by positioning the multilayer foil inside a mould during the
forming of a container part in said mould for the purpose of bonding the
microwave-influencing material layer to the remaining portion of the
container part during said forming of the container part.

42. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein said multilayer foil substantially
conforms to the shape of the mould prior to positioning said foil inside the mould.

43. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the step of providing a multilayer foil
includes providing at least one hole extending through one of said material layers, said
one material layer being an outer layer of the multilayer foil.

44. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing a multilayer foil includes providing at least one hole extending through one of said material layers, said one material layer being an outer layer of the multilayer foil.

45. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing a multilayer foil comprises providing a multilayer foil in which said microwave radiation-influencing material layer is directly bonded to said at least one layer that does not influence microwave radiation without an additional layer therebetween.

46. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the step of providing a multilayer foil comprises providing a multilayer foil in which said microwave radiation-influencing material layer is directly bonded to said at least one layer that does not influence microwave radiation without an additional layer therebetween.

47. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the step of providing a multilayer foil comprises providing a multilayer foil in which said microwave radiation-influencing material layer is directly bonded to said at least one layer that does not influence microwave radiation without an additional layer therebetween.

48. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein the step of providing a multilayer foil comprises providing a multilayer foil in which said microwave radiation-influencing material layer is directly bonded to said at least one layer that does not influence microwave radiation without an additional layer therebetween.

49. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said multilayer foil substantially conforms to the shape of the mould prior to positioning said foil inside the mould.